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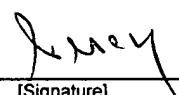
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Transmitted herewith for filing pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the patent application of:

**Inventor(s):** BERND HELM  
**For:** Sleeve with Improved Adhering Properties, and Radial Bearing including such a Sleeve  
**Assignee:** INA-SCHAEFFLER KG, Herzogenaurach, Germany

Applicant claims small entity status pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.27.

Enclosed are:

- Application Data Sheet pursuant to 37 CFR 1.76.
- Specification with 10 pages, 5 claims and 1 sheet of drawing.
- Declaration with  Power of attorney.
- Assignment.
- Cover letter in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §3.31 to accompany the assignment submitted for recording.
- Check in the amount of \$ .00 for covering the filing fee of \$ .00 and the official fee of \$ .00 for recording the Assignment.
- Self-addressed postcard.
- A priority document.

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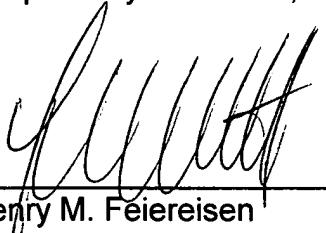
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Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.10 and §1.53, applicant respectfully requests that this application be assigned an application number and a filing date of December 12, 2003, the date upon which the application was mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office by Express Mail.

Applicant hereby claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 (a)-(d) on the basis of German Patent Application No. 102 58 241.6, filed December 13, 2002.

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